# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:	)	
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Application No.: NYA	)	*
Division of S.N. 09/179,084	:	
filed October 27, 1998	)	
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For: IMAGE INPUT-OUTPUT	)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD	:	
THEREFOR	)	November 5, 2001

Commissioner for Patents BOX PATENT APPLICATION Washington, D.C. 20231

# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Prior calculation of the filing fee, and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

# IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, immediately after the title, insert:

--This application is a division of Application No. 09/179,084, filed on

October 27, 1998.--

# IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-10, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

# REMARKS

The present application is a division of copending parent Application No. 09/179,084, filed on October 27, 1998. Claims 1-10 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Claims 11-30 are presented for examination, of which Claims 11, 16, and 26 are in independent form.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present divisional application are respectfully requested.

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. This document was cited in the parent of the present divisional application, Application No. 09/179,084, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. A copy of the document is enclosed. The Examiner is requested to indicate that the document has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

# **CONCLUSION**

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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